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OLD SOUTH BURYING GROUND.

THIS burial yard was laid out about 1710, at the time the church was established here, and interments therein were made immediately. The first person buried was Robert Russell, in December of that year. The oldest stone now remaining in the yard is dated 1723. The following are the inscriptions now found therein bearing dates prior to 1800.

Here lyes y^e Body of
M^{rs} ANNA ABBOT, Widow
of M^r ZEBEDIAH ABBOT,
Who departed this life
Sep^r 5th, 1770 in y^e
59th Year of Her Age.

—
In memory of
MR. ASA ABBOT
who departed
this life 23 Dec. 1797,
Aged 75 years.

—
HERE LIES BURIED
THE BODY OF EN^s
EBENEZER ABBOT
WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE JAN^{RY}
14 1761 IN Y^e 72
YEAR OF HIS AGE

SACRED

To
the Memory of
CAP. GEORGE ABBOT.
who
died March 19, 1768.
Æt. 76
and of
MARY *his wife* who
died
Oct. 4. 1785
Æt. 91 years
& 2 moⁿ

*The righteous shall be in
everlasting remembrance.*

—
In memory of
MRS. HANNAH ABBOT,
the dau. of
MR. WILLIAM ABBOT,
and MRS. EXPERIENCE,
his wife who died July 7th
1792 aged 40 years.

—
In memory of
Miss HANNAH ABBOT,
who died 17 Nov. 1798,
Aged 64 years.

*Death thou hast concord me
I by thy dart am slain
But Christ has concord thee
And I shall rise again.*

In Memory of
Henry Abbot
the Son of
Cap^t Henry &
M^{rs} Phebe Abbot
who Died Sep^r
the 10th 1770,
Aged 2 Month^s

In Memory of
Henry Abbot
the Son of
Cap^t Henry &
M^{rs} Phebe Abbot
who Died May 19
1776; in the 5 Year
of his age.

In Memory of
Deaⁿ Isaac Abbot
who Departed
this life Aug^t Y^e 9th
A D 1784;
in the 86th Year
of his age.

In memory of
MR. JONATHAN ABBOT,
who departed this life
May 31st 1794; in the 80th
year of his age.

*Death thou hast conquerd me,
I by thy dart am slain,
But Christ hath conquerd thee,
And I shall rise a gain.*

Here lyes Buried
the Body of
M^r JOSEPH ABBOT,
Who departed this life
Decem^r the 10th 1766 in y^e
43^d Year of His Age.

In Memory of
JOSHUA ABBOT,
3^d Son of Deacon
ZEBADIAH & M^{rs}
REBECCA ABBOT;
who died
May 20th 1773
Aged 19 Days

In Memory of
JOSHUA ABBOT
4th Son of Deacon
ZEBADIAH & M^{rs}
REBECCA ABBOT;
who died
July 26th 1782
Aged 5 Months
and 25 Days.

In Memory of
M^{rs} LYDIA ABBOT,
The wife of
M^r EPHRAIM ABBOT,
who *Departed* this Life
July 3^d 1788;
in the 37th year
of her age.

ERECTED
In Memory of
M^{rs} LYDIA ABBOT,
the Widow of
Deaⁿ ISAAC ABBOT,
who died Feb y^e 28,
1791:
in the 87 Year
of her age.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of M^r
SAMUEL ABBOT
Who departed this
Life Oct^r 29th 1762, in
y^e 66th Year of His Age

Here lyes y^e Body of
M^{rs} MARY ABBOT,
Wife to M^r
SAMUEL ABBOT
Who departed this
Life April 15th 1754 in
y^e 55th Year of Her Age.

In Memory of
Mary Abbot
the *Dau^r* of
Cap^t Henry and
M^{rs} Phebe Abbot
who Died Aug^t 17
1769;
Aged 17 Months.

In memory of
Mrs. MARY ABBOT,
the wife of
Mr. JONATHAN ABBOT,
who died Aug. 8th 1792
in the 70th year of her age.

*Come living friends see where I lie,
Remember you are born to die
But to prepare for death and Heaven
Is all for which the longest life is given.*

Mary Abbot dau. of
Mr. Jonathan Abbot ^{jun}
& Mrs. Dorcas Abbot
died Jan. 31st 1796
In the 6 year of her age.

*Suffer little Children to come
unto me and forbid them not
For of such is the kingdom of heav^{en}*

In memory of
M^{rs} Patty Abbot, dau.
of Mr. Jonathan & Mrs.
Dorcas Abbot, who died
4 June 1797; in the 13
year of her age

*Affliction sore long time I bore
Physicians was in vain
Till God did please & death did seize
To ease me of my pain.*

Here lyes Buried y^e Body
of M^{rs} PHEBE ABBOT, Wife
to Dea^{con} ISAAC ABBOT.
Who Departed this
Life Dec^{br} 17th 1751, in y^e
36 Year of Her Age

In Memory of
PHEBE ABBOT Dau^{tr} of
M^r ISAAC ABBOT Jun^r
and M^{rs} PHEBE his Wife
Who departed this life
Nov^{br} y^e 8th 1772 in y^e
6th Year of Her Age.

In memory of
Samuel Abbot,
son of Mr. Steven
and Mrs. Mary Abbot,
who was killed by a cart
Augt. the 10. 1769.
Aged 6 years.

*Tho' sudden was the stroke,
Which stop't his vital breath,
He must obey, 'twas God who spoke
And yield to cruel death.*

In memory of
Samuel Abbot,
son of Mr. Abner
and Mrs. Ruth Abbot
who died Oct. 1st 1793
Aged 18 months 6 days
*Sleep happy babe and take thy rest,
God call'd you home, he thought it
best.*

Here lies the bodies of
SARAH BETSY, HANNAH,
and SARAH ABBOT, Daught^{rs} of
STEPHEN and SARAH ABBOT.
of Salem.
*Hush! lovely Babes lie still and rest,
For God hath call'd who thought it best.*

In memory
of
M^r STEPHEN ABBOT
who Departed this
life Nov^r the 8th 1768:
in the 51st Year
of his age.

*Why do we mourn departing friends?
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice which Jesus sends
To call them to his arms.*

In memory of
Mr. WILLIAM ABBOT,
who died 2 Jan. 1798.
In the 74 year of his
age.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of M^r
ZEBEDIAH ABBOT.
Who departed this life
Sep^r the 9th 1767 in y^e
73 Year of His Age.

Sacred
to the Memory of
Deacon ZEBEDIAH ABBOT
who died Nov^r 24th
1793
Aged 54 Years.

O happy death for him How highly blest
The soul departs and wings its way to rest.
The lots of such a friend we deeply mourn
While he's to bliss supreme by Angles borne.

Here lies Buried
the Body of Benjaminth
Ames, son of M^r
Benjamin Ames
Jun^r & M^{rs} Phebe
his wife who
departed this Life
Oct^r 10th 1775. In
the third Year
of his age.

—
In
Memory of
MRS. PHEBE AMES,
the wife of
MR. BENJAMIN AMES Jun^r
who died 19th June
1798; aged 44 years &
8 months.

*While o'er the grave you walk or weep,
Remember here all flesh must sleep;
Slender's the thread whence life depends
Begins this hour, the next it ends.*

—
Here Lies Buried
y^e Body of M^r
Hezekiah Ballard
Who Departed this
Life Novemb^r 4th
A. D. 1751 O: S.
In the 70 year
of His Age.

—
Here Lyes Buried
the Body of M^r
TIMOTHY BALLARD, jun^r
Who departed this Life
July y^e 12th 1768 in y^e
39th Year of His Age.

—
Here lyes y^e Body of
M^{rs} SARAH BARNARD,
Wife of M^r
JAMES BARNARD
Who departed this life
Sept^r y^e 20th 1769 in y^e
37th Year of His Age

Here Lyes y^e Body of
M^{rs} Ann Blanchard
Wife to M^r Jonathan
Blanchard Who Dec^d
Febru^y 29th 1723 in y^e
65th Year of Her Age

—
M^{rs} Hannah
Blanchard*

—
Here Lyes The Body of
Mr. Jonathan Blanchard
who died October y^e 19th 1742
in His 79th Year of his age.

—
Here Lyes Buried
y^e Body of M^r
JONATH BLANCHARD
Who Departed this
life Febru^y 21st 1748; in y^e
63d †

—
ERECTED
In Memory of
M^r JOSIAH BLANCHARD,
who died April
30th 1790:
in the 50th year
of his age.

—
ERECTED
In Memory of
M^{rs} NELLE BLANCHARD,
the Wife of
M^r AARON BLANCHARD.
who decess'd May
ye: 5th 1788
Aged 44 year
& 11 months.

—
In memory of

—
MR. ISAAC BLUNT,
who died 6 Jan. 1798,
In the 85 year of his
age

*Draw near my friends, and take a thought
How soon the grave may be your lot;
Make sure of Christ while life remains,
And death will be eternal gains.*

*Footstone.

†The remainder of the inscription is in the
ground.

In Memory of
 Samuel Boynton
 the Son of
 M^r Thomas & M^{rs}
 Hannah Boynton
 who Died Aug^t 2^d
 1787 : Aged 1 year
 and 9 months

In memory of
 Samuel Boynton,
 son of Mr. Thomas
 & Mrs. Hannah Boynton^a
 who died Janu. 1793,
 Aged 6 months & 3
 days.

Mem
 EMERY CHACE
 who Di
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 n the 4
 of his age

Here lyes Buried
 y^e Body of M^r
 ABIJAH CHANDLER
 Who Departed this life
 May y^e 6th 1754 in y^e
 34th Year of his Age.

In memory
 of
 M^{rs} HANNAH CHANDLER,
 the wife of
 M^r JOSHUA CHANDLER;
who departed this Life
 Feb. 14th 1791 :
 in the 56 year
 of her age.

*This stone is much defaced.

Here lies The Body of
 M^{rs} Mary Chandler
 Wife of M^r Thomas
 Chandler & Daughter
 of Deacⁿ Joseph
 Steuens who Departed
 This life Sept^m 27
 A D 1751 O: S
 In the 73 year
 Of Her Age.

Here Lies Buried
 y^e Body of M^r
 Thomas Chandler
 of the 2nd Generation
 In Andover: Who
 Departed this life
 November the 7
 A D 1751
 In y^e 75 year
 Of His Age.

Here lyes y^e Body
 of M^r WILLIAM
 CHANDLER; who
 Dec^d Octobr 2th
 1727. in y^e 67th
 Year of his Age.

In Memory of M^{rs}
 REBECCA CLARK
 Comfort of M^r
 William CLARK
 who died April
 7th 1777 in the 32
 Year of her Age.

In memory of
 Miss LUCY COGSWELL
 dau. of Mr. SAMUEL &
 MRS. ELIZABETH COGSWELL
 who died 5 Oct. 1798,
 In the 22 year of her
 age.

In Memory of
ABIEL CORY
SON of M^{rs} MARY CORY
who died May y^e 8th 1787
Æt. 17.

When blooming youth is snatch'd away
by deaths relentless hand
Our hearts the mournfull tribute pay
which pity must demand.

In memory of
LYDIA
who died Jan. 31, 1805. Æt. 41
wife of Mr. Palfry Downing,
Also of 4 of their children
Deborah died June 5, 1790.
Æt. 7 days.
Samuel died June 27, 1798.
Æt. 4 years.
Deborah S. died June 5, 1800.
Æt. 4 years.
Lydia died June 26, 1806.
Æt. 18 years.

Abiel, Faulkner, son of
Mr. Abiel, and Mrs.
Hannah Faulkner,
died Sept. 11th 1794.
Aged 16 Years.

In memory of
MRS. HANNAH FAULK-
NER wife of MR ABIEL
FAULKNER who died
Nov^r 14th 1789 aged 30.
years.

In memory of
M JOHN FISK Jun^r
son of Mr. JOHN & Mrs.
HANNAH FISK who
died 17 Jan. 1796; in
the 25 year of his age.

In youth I've walk'd the way to death,
Obe'd my Go^d & so gave breath,
By me my meates a warning take,
Prepare for death before too late.

HERE LYES BURIED
tHE BODY OF
IOHN FOSTER SON
OF IOHN &
MARY FOSTER WHO
DIED APRIL Y^e 7
1729 IN Y^e FORST
YEAR OF HIS AGE

dy
* ; Dau^{ty} of
M^{rs} MARY
who departed this
the 7th 1763 in y^e
Year of Her Age.

In Memory of M^r
Obadiah Foster
who Died July Y^e 25
1780; in the 41st Year
of his age

Behold and See as You Pass by
As You are Now So once was I
As I am Now So You must Be
Prepare for Death & Follow Me.

HERE LYES BURIED
the BODY OF
SARAH FOSTER Y^e
WIFE OF WILLIAM
FOSTER WHO DIED
NOUEMBER Y^e 6th
IN 1729 IN Y^e
60 FORST YEAR OF
HER AGE

WILLIAM FOSTER
SON OF IOHN
& MARY FOSTER
WHO DIED
APRIL y^e 16 1729
IN Y^e 2nd
YEAR OF HIS AGE

To be continued.

*A part of this stone is gone.

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OLD SOUTH BURYING GROUND.

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Here Lies Buried
The Body of
M^r WILLIAM FOSTER
Who De Parted
this Life AUGUST y^e
29th 1755
in the 86th
Year of His AGE

In Memory of
M^{rs} Mehitabel French^a
who Departed
this Life Jan^y Y^e 26
1786;
in the 78th Year
of her age.

In Memory of
SARAH FRENCH,
Daughter of the
Rev^d JONATHAN &
M^{rs} ABIGAIL FRENCH,
Deceased Nov^r 25th
1774. aged 7 Days.
Suffer Little Children to
Come unto me, For of Suc^a
is y^e Kingdom of GOD.

SARAH,
Daughter of
Rev. Jonathan &
Mrs. Abigail French,
died April 2, 1788
In her 4th year.

In Memory of
M^r CHARLES FURBUSH J^r
Son to Cap^t CHARLES
& M^{rs} SARAH FURBUSH
who died Dec^r 27th 1788
Æt 31.

Life is the time to serve the Lord
the time to ensure the great reward
and whilst the lamp holds out to burn
The vilest Sinner may return.

In Memory
of
cap^t CHARLES FURBUSH
who died Feb^y 11
1795
Aged 59 Years.

*The rising morning cant assure
That we shall end the day
For death stands ready at the door
To seize our lives away.*

In Memory of
JEDIDIAH FURBUSH
Son of
Cap^t CHARLES &
M^{rs} SARAH FURBUSH
who died Jan^y 16th 1788
Æt 17.

Man cometh forth like a flower & is
cut down. He Goeth also as a shadow
and continueth not.

IN
memory of
M^{rs} CORNELIUS GRAY,
son of M^r DAVID, and
M^{rs} REBEKAH GRAY,
who died Oct. 12th 1782:
in the 17th year of his
age.

IN
memory of
M^{rs} SARAH GRAY,
the wife of
M^r DAVID GRAY,
who died March 15th
1793 in the 26th year
of her age.

HERE LIES BURIED
THE BODY OF M^r
JACOB HAGGIT
WHO DIED JAN^y
THE 29th 1769
IN THE 26th
YEAR OF
HIS AGE

In Memory of
Alfe Hall
Dau^r of M^r
William & M^{rs}
Barbara Hall
who died July
16th 1775
Aged 16 months

In memory of
Mr. David Hall who
was kill'd at the explosion
of the powder house in
Andover Oct. 17th 1796,
Aged 32 years & 8 months.
*We mourn thy sudden swift remove
From earth and all enjoyments here
When Christ commands we must obey
Without a murmur or a tear.*

In memory of
MR. WILLIAM HALL
died Aug. 6 1795,
aged 57 years.
*No more my friends don't mourn for me
I'm gone unto Eternity
The way of death you all must tread
And sleep with me among the dead*

IN
memory of
M^r ASA HOLT,
who died Feb. 20th
1793 in the 51st year
of his age.
*Stop my friends and think on me;
I once was in the world like thee,
Now I lie mould'ring in the dust
In hopes to rise amongst the Just.*

Here Lies the Body of
M^{rs} HANNAH HOLT
Dau^r of M^r BENJAMIN
& M^{rs} ELIZABETH HOLT
of Andover
Born Nov^r y^e 15, 1749
and died June y^e 24, 1767

In memory
of
M^{rs}. JONATHAN HOLT,
who departed this life
Sept. 23d, 1792 :
Aged 64 years.

*Why do we mourn departing friends?
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice which Jesus sends
To call them to his arms.*

In memory of
Miss MOLLEY HOLT Dau^r
of M^r ZELE & M^{rs} PRIS-
CILLAH HOLT, who died
Feb. 18, 1790; in the
27 year of her age.
*Why do we mourn departing friends?
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice which Jesus sends
To call them to his arms.*

In
Memory of
MRS. PHEBE HOLT,
the wife of
MR. ABIEL HOLT, Jun^r
who died 20 Feb. 1798;
in the 24 year of her
age
*How swiftly time doth pass away;
The longest life is but a day.
attend ye living all*

Ruthe Kimball Holt,
daughter of M^r Jonathan
& M^{rs} Ruthe Holt,
died April 11th 1799,
Ætat. 16.
*If he then calls my soul away
I in this world don't want to stay
But fly as on a cherub wing,
To my dear Christ my God my King.*
*Buried in the ground.

In memory of
Miss Joanna Jones, dau.
of Mr. Jacob Jones &
Mrs. Mary his wife
who died 14 March 1797
in the 16 year of her age.

*With pain grief and sorrow
Her days on earth were fill'd
But now we hope she rests with Christ
Where sorrow has an end.*

In Memory of
Mrs. Abigail Kimball
Consort of
Mr. Benjamin Kimball
of Brookfield who was
Drowned at Andover
Oct.^r y^e 9th 1772 ;
in the 43^d year
of her age.

In Memory of
DEBORAH KIMBALL
Daught. of Peter Kimball,
Ob. Feb. 3, 1797.
Æt. 15.

*This is the debt that's nature's due
And I have paid, & so must you.*

In Memory of
Miss ELISABETH KNEELAND
who departed this Life
July y^e 24th 1781.
Aged 30 Years.

*With Grace & piety her days were crown'd,
With virtue bright her lustre shone around;
Reader, could ashes speak they'd loudly cry,
Make GOD your Friend & so prepare to die.*

In Memory of
Miss Hannah Lovejoy
daughter of
Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Mary
Lovejoy who died
Dec. 25 1797,
Æt. 19.

In Memory of
Mr. Joseph Lovejoy
son of Mr. Joseph &
Mrs. Mary Lovejoy
who died Nov. 22,
1799. Æt. 24.

Here lyes Buried y^e.
Body of M^{rs}. SARAH
LOVEJOY, Wife to Cap^t.
WILLIAM LOVEJOY;
Who Departed this
Life Oct.^r 17th. 1747, in y^e
62^d Year of Her Age.

Cap^t. WILLIAM
LOVEJOY. 1762⁺

Here lyes y^e Body of
M^{rs} SARAH LOVEJOY
Widow of Cap^t.
WILLIAM LOVEJOY,
Who departed this life
Octo^{br} the 9th 1772 in y^e
85th Year of Her Age.

In Memory of
M^{iss} Mehetable Man-
ning Dau^r. of
M^r. Thomas & M^{rs}.
Mehetable Manning
who Died Jan^y. 27,
1785; in the 16
Year of her age.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of Mr.
DANIEL MOOR,
Who departed this life
Octo^r y^e 25th 1770 in y^e
74th Year of His Age

Here lyes Buried
the Body of M^{rs}.
MARTHA MOOR,
Wife of Mr.
DANIEL MOOR,
Who departed this life
Feby y^e 7th, 1770 in y^e
71st Year of Her Age

*Footstone.

ERECTED
In Memory of
M^{RS}. SARAH MOOAR,
the Wife of
M^R. ISAAC MOOAR.
who died April
ye 22^d 1786
in the 23 year
of her age.

ERECTED
to the memory of
M^{RS}. ELIZABETH OSGOOD,
the wife of M^R. SAMUEL
OSGOOD, who died
Sept. 27th, 1792
in the 66 year
of her age.

*Stop my friends and think on me,
I once was in the world like thee;
Now I lie mouldring in the dust,
In hopes to rise amongst the just.*

ERECTED
to the memory of
M^R. SAMUEL OSGOOD,
who died March 16, 1774 :
in the 60 year
of his age.

*Stop passengers as you pass by,
As you are now so once was I;
As I am now so you must be,
Prepare for death and follow me.*

IN
memory of
M^R. ELIJAH PATTEN,
who died Oct. 18th
1774 : in the 23d year
of his age.

*Death thou hast conquer'd me;
I by thy dart am slain;
But Christ has conquer'd thee,
And I shall rise again.*

In Memory of
Sarah Pevey
the *Dau^r* of
M^R. Thomas and
M^{RS}. Dorcas Pevey
who Died Oct. 4th
1785 ; Aged 5 Years
5 Months & 7 Days.

Abigail Phelps, Dau^r.
of M^R. Henry &
M^{RS}. Abigail Phelps
Died *Novem^r* y^e
17th 1739 in y^e 10th
Year of her Age.

Here lies y^e Body of
M^{RS}. ABIGAIL PHELPS
Wife to M^R. HENRY
PHELPS Who Died
Sep^r y^e 6 1759 in y^e
65th Year of Her Age.

Henry Phelps
Son of M^R Henry
& M^{RS}. Abigail
Phelps, Died
April 18th 1732
Aged 18 Days

Here lyes Buried
the Body of M^R.
HENRY PHELPS
Who departed this life
Octo^r. y^e 18 1766 in y^e
74 Year of His Age.

In memory of
MR. JOSHUA PHELPS,
who departed this
life 23^d Dec. 1798
Aged 60 years.

*With Heavenly weapons I have fought
The battles of the Lord
Finished my course and keep the faith
And wait the sure reward.*

In memory of
Char'lotte Poor, dau^r. of
M^R. Daniel, and M^{RS}.
Hannah Poor; who di-
ed Sept. 20th 1791; in
the 3d year of her age.
Also their dau^r *Fanny*,
who died May 14th 1793 :
aged 2 years & 9 days.

Sacred to the Memory of
M^{rs}. Hannah Shattuck
Wife of M^r. Joseph
Shattuck who Died
Aug^t. 13th 1785; in the
21st Year of her age.

Watch ye that live for ye Don't Know
How near ye are to death

Here Lyes Buried y^e
Body of M^{rs}. DOROTHY
SIBSON, Wife to M^r.
JOSEPH SIBSON,
Who Departed this
life May 21st 1754 in y^e

*

Here lies the Body of
LUCRETIA BOURN STACEY Dau^{tr}
of Cap^t. RICHARD & REBECCA
STACEY of Marblehead;
who departed this life
April 22^d. 1781, Aged
2 Years, & 7 Months.

*Whom neither, Youth, nor worth nor
(Friends could Save
from the resistless Bondage of y^e grave.*

In memory of
Miriam White Swift,
dau. of Mr. Jonathan &
Mrs. Silance Swift, died
May 16th 1795. Aged
thirty six hours.

*Cease, dismal grief to swell the
mortal breast. [it beft.
God call'd her home because he tho't*

Dolley Towne, Dau^r. of
M^r. Afa, & M^{rs}. Dolley
Towne; who died
Jan. 26, 1792;
Aged 6 weeks.

*Buried in the ground.

In memory of
Mr. Enoch Wardwell, son
of Mr. Daniel and Mrs.
Damaris Wardwell who
died 13 July 1798; aged 20
years.

*Come living friends see where I ly,
Remember you are born to die,
But to prepare for death and Heav'n
Is all for which the longest life is given.*

Samuel Wardwell
son of Mr. Ezekiel &
Mrs. Damaris Wardwell
died May 28th 1796
aged 6 years

*From death arriſt no age is free
The youngſt babes may die
My mates a warning take frome
Now in eternity.*

OUR FATHERS' BURIALS.

They dared not plant the grave with flowers,
Nor dress the funeral sod,
Where, with a love as deep as ours,
They left their dead with God.

The hard and thorny path they kept
From beauty turned aside;
Nor missed they over those who slept
The grace to life denied.

Yet still the wilding flowers would blow,
The golden leaves would fall,
The seasons come, the seasons go,
And God be good to all.

Above the graves the blackberry hung
In bloom and green its wreath,
And harebells swung as if they rung
The chimes of peace beneath.

John G. Whittier.

ANDOVER INSCRIPTIONS.

WEST PARISH BURYING-GROUND.

The West parish burying-ground in Andover was probably laid out for the purposes of burial in 1791. There is one stone there dated 1707, but it was one removed there probably from private property or from another cemetery. The following are all the inscriptions to be found in this burying-ground bearing dates prior to 1800.

Sacred to the memory of
Mr. EUNICE PARISH,
Confort of
Mr. Elijah Parish,
who died Dec. 13, 1799,
Æt. 66.

She was Daughter of Mr. Nathan Foster and grand-daughter of Deacon Josiah Standish who was grandson of Capt. Miles Standish military Commander of the Colony, who landed at Plymouth Novr. 1620.

Her eldest Son is the Rev. Elijah Parish of Byfield;
Her second Son was the late Rev. Ariel Parish of Manchester who died May 20, 1794,
Æt. 30.

Her only daughter is Mrs. Philomela Thirston, wife of Mr. Stephen Thurston of this town. Her Son Asa died Feb. 20, 1772, aged 3.

Her faithful aid reliev'd the woes of life
No husband ere enjoyed a kinder wife
With holy zeal she taught each Listening Child
Persuasive goodness spoke in accents mild
Content to stay but not afraid to go
Her parting word forbids their tears to flow.

SACRED

to the memory of
HEPHZIBAH ABBOT,
who died May 20. 1796.

Æt. 40.

and of MARY ABBOT,
who died

Mar. 27. 1805,

Æt. 48.

wives of Bixby Abbot.

*Lord we commit our soul to thee
Accept the sacred trust.*

In memory of
Miss LUCY ABBOT, dau.
of Capt. JEDUTHUN
ABBOT, & MRS. HANNAH
his wife who died 16
Aug. 1798; in the 23d
year of her age.

Pamely Abbot,
dau. of Capt. Jeduthun
Abbot, & Mrs. Hannah
his wife died 31 Aug.
1798; in the 6 year
of her age.

Rebeckah Abbot, dau.
of Capt. Jeduthun
Abbot, & Mrs. Hannah
his wife, died 8 Sept.
1798; in the 4th year
of her age.

Herman Phelps, son
of Mr. Henry and Mrs.
Mary Phelps, died
April 21st 1796
Aged 7 years.

In memory of
SAMUEL PHELPS,
son of Mr. HENRY &
Mrs. MARY PHELPS,
who died March 4
1796; aged 14 years.

MEMENTO
MORI

FUGIT
HORA

HERE LYES Y^e BODY OF
SAMUEL BLANCHARD
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE Y^e 22^d OF APRIL
1707 IN Y^e
78th YEAR OF HIS AGE
Y^e MEMORY OF Y^e IUST IS BLESSED.

In memory of
Mr. JOSEPH HAWLEY,
who died 31 Dec. 1797 ;
aged 68 years & 9
months

In memory of
Miss Sarah Lov^ejoy
dau. of Mr. Jeremiah
& Mrs. Dolly Lovejoy
who died 7 Dec. 1799.
Aged 31 years.

*Be ye also ready for in
such an hour as ye think
not 'e son of man cometh*
